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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION

1. ANGOLANS ELECTED THEIR FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (REPLACING DEFUNCT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL) MARCH 25. ANSWERING APPEAL BY GOVGEN MARCH 23 TO SHOW PORTUGAL' S FOREIGN CRITICS PEOPLE ENDORSE NATIONAL POLICIES, UNKNOWN PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS ELECTED SINGLE LIST CANDIDATE ROLLS WHICH SAID TO DIFFER FROM PREVIOUS SIMILAR ELECTIONS CHIEFLY IN INCREASED NUMBERS NON- WHITES.

2. LUANDA MAYOR QUOTED BY PRESS AS DESCRIBING ELECTION IN FOLLOWING TERMS: " THESE ELECTIONS REPRESENT FOR ANGOLA THE REALIZATION OF THEIR

(SIC) JUST HOPE OF ATTAINING -- ALTHOUGH ALWAYS LINKED TO THE MAE- PATRIA (MOTHER- FATHERLAND, I. E. PORTUGAL) -- A POLITICAL MATURITY CONDUCIVE TO THE ELABORATION OF LEGISLATION PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED FROM AFAR. ... I AM

SURE ANGOLANS WILL NOT FAIL TO GO TO THE POLLS TO DELIVER THEIR BALLOTS. THIS WILL NOT SIGNIFY A CHOICE, FOR THERE IS BUT ONE LIST, BUT (RATHER) THE PRESENCE OF THOSE WHO WISH TO SHOW THE GOVERN- MENT THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA OF TRANSFORMING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL... INTO AN ORGAN ATTRIBUTED WITH EVEN GREATER RESPONSIBILITY, AND WHICH WILL BE VERY USEFUL (UTIL) FOR ANGOLA."

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3. DETAILS OF GOVGEN SPEECH, ELECTION RESULTS, ETC. BY AIRGRAM.
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